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Applicants: Yu, et al.

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Title: Neutrokin-alpha and Neutrokin-alpha  
Splice Variants



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Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Alz  
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8/25/00

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, Applicants hereby request that the following amendments and remarks be entered into the subject application.

**In the Specification:**

At page 24, line 19, please delete "shows" and replace therewith --show--;

At page 25, line 6, please delete "Figure 2)" and replace therewith --Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D)--;

line 10, please delete "Figures 2A and 2B" and replace therewith --  
**Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D--;**

line 12, please delete "Figures 2A and 2B" and replace therewith --  
Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D--;

line 13, please delete "Figures 2A and 2B" and replace therewith --  
Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D--;

line 14, please delete "Figures 2A and 2B" and replace therewith --  
Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D--;

line 15, please delete "Figures 2A and 2B" and replace therewith --  
Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D--.

At page 26, line 20, please delete "shows" and replace therewith --show--;